



Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes February 11, 2021

Date: Thursday February 11, 2021. Held virtually on <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/397319029>

In Attendance: Lt. Polito, Thomas Graney, Lena Webb, Mark Niedergang, Jill Lathan
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Anna Rebelo, Suzanne Rinfret, Jackie Stagnari, Nancy Salamoun, Alexandra Kleyman, Justin Schreiber, Brad Rawson

Meeting Chair: Jill Lathan, Interim DPW Commissioner called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Item #1 – Acceptance of Minutes from the December 10, 2020 Traffic Commission Meeting
A motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0-1, the Chair abstained as she wasn't present for the December meeting

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

- a) 49 Boston St
- Nancy Salamoun stated the application meets criteria and the property does not have a driveway. She fully supports the request.

A motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 5-0.

- b) 42 Gibbens St
- Nancy Salamoun stated the application meets criteria and the property does have a driveway but it is too narrow. She fully supports the request.

A motion to Approve was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 5-0.

- c) 19 Myrtle St
- Nancy Salamoun requested this item be tabled until next month as she has been unable to reach the applicant and she needs more information.

A motion to Table was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 5-0.

- d) 76 Newton St
- Nancy Salamoun stated the application meets criteria however the applicant has a temporary HP placard that expires in June 2021, although it is likely to become permanent. She defers to Parking for a recommendation.
 - Suzanne Rinfret suggested approval with a follow up in June.

A motion to Approve through June 30, 2021 was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0.

- e) 37 Puritan Rd
- Nancy Salamoun stated the application meets criteria and the property does not have a driveway and the applicant is a tenant. She fully supports the request.

A motion to Approve was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0.



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Item #3 – Request for Loading Zone – 699 Boston Ave, Mon-Sat, ~~8am-6pm~~, 20 min commercial loading and 5 min passenger vehicle loading (currently unregulated parking, request to waive review period)

- Aly Kleyman explained this item was from the last meeting and was a request from the Ball Square neighborhood Association. There were questions from the commission about the location relative to the city line with Medford. They have looked into it and determined there is approximately 25ft in Somerville located along the curb from the corner of Broadway to the Medford city line that is unregulated (a picture showing the parcel boundary was submitted for the record). This is where they request the loading zone be located.
- Mark Niedergang stated now that it has been determined this area is located in Somerville he fully supports the request.
- Suzanne Rinfret asked for confirmation of the hours of the loading zone and Justin Schreiber explained the request came in before the market was open and since the market has later hours and with the Green Line Station across the street they have considered extending the hours. Ms. Rinfret suggested a 24 hour loading zone and Mr. Schreiber agreed as long as the request can be changed.
- Mark Niedergang stated he supports changing the request and making the loading zone 24 hours with the Green Line coming in and the possibility of extended hours for the grocery store.

A motion to Approve with an amendment to the hours, by striking 8am-6pm, was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0.

Item #4 – Request for Fire Lanes

- Thomas Graney, Rep for the Fire Dept. stated he was making amendments to the locations provided by Chief Breen. For item (a) he asked to change the direction from southerly to easterly and for item (b) he asked to change the item from easterly to northerly
- a) Gilman St from the corner of Walnut St extending 20ft ~~southerly~~ easterly on the odd numbered side of the street
- b) Walnut St from the corner of Gilman St extending 20ft ~~easterly~~ northerly on the odd numbered side of the street

A motion to Approve as amended was made by Lt. Polito, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 5-0.

Item #5 – Request for the removal of 3 parking spaces on west side of Walnut south of Gilman for daylighting and pedestrian access

- The Chair asked for a time line for work to happen if approved and Brad Rawson explained this is only step 1 of the process.
- Mark Niedergang asked if this was the request made by Councilor McLaughlin and asked why 3 spaces were being removed instead of just 2 and if the spaces could not be removed until the work is ready to begin or at least until the end of the snow season.
- Brad Rawson explained you need 20ft for the ramp and 20ft of setback for sight lines on either side of the ramp for a total of 3 spaces. He also stated the city would not be in position to begin the work until the summer construction season.
- Suzanne Rinfret confirmed the spaces will not be removed until the construction begins.

A motion to Approve with the amendment that this approval is a placeholder until the city is further into the implementation process was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 5-0.



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Item #6 – Request for Speed Safety Zones (Lincoln Park)

Street	Start	End
Smith Ave	Beacon St	Line St
Cooney St	Beacon St	Line St
Calvin St	Washington St	Beacon St
Waldo Ave	Beacon St	Marion St (both directions)
Buckingham St	Beacon St	Dimick St (both directions)
Concord Ave	Beacon St	Newton St (both directions)
Concord Ave	Springfield St	38 Concord Ave
Concord Ave	Prospect St	38 Concord Ave
Dickinson St	Springfield St	Beacon St
Hammond St	Concord Ave	Dickinson (both directions)
Leon St	Concord Ave	Dickinson (both directions)
Springfield St	Concord Ave	City Line (both directions)
Oak St	City Line	Prospect St
Bolton St	Houghton St	Oak St (both directions)
Houghton St	Springfield St	City Line
Newton St	Prospect St	Everett St
Newton St	Webster Ave	Everett St
Newton St	Concord Ave	Webster Ave (both directions)
Everett St	Newton St	Webster Ave
Emerson St	Everett St	Newton St (both directions)
Parker St	Fremont Ave	Washington St
Bowdoin St	Washington St	Freemont Ave
Fremont Ave	Bowdoin St	Parker St
Parkdale St	Washington St	Lewis St
Rose St	Lewis St	Washington St
Magnus Ave	Washington St	Lewis St
Lewis St	Parkdale St	Rose St
Lewis St	Magnus Ave	Rose St
Marion St	Dimick St	Wyatt St
Marion St	Wyatt St	Concord Ave (both directions)
Dimick St	Calvin St	Concord Ave (both directions)
Harold St	Dimick St	Marion St (both directions)
Wyatt St	Taunton St	Concord Ave (both directions)
Wyatt Cir	Wyatt St	Wyatt St (both directions)
Taunton St	Wyatt St	Marion St (both directions)
Clark St	Newton St	Lincoln Pkwy
Lincoln Pkwy	Clark St	Joseph St
Joseph St	Newton St	Lincoln Pkwy (both directions)
Adrian St	Joseph St	Marion St



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- Aly Kleyman stated this request is for Ward 2 in the area of Lincoln Park and discussed the progress being made throughout the city of 20mph zones.

A motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 5-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0.

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